

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the above-identified application. Claims 17-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 2, 3, 7, 10-13 and 15-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for indefiniteness. Claims 1, 4-6, 8 and 9 were allowed.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging the patentable subject matter of claims 1, 4-6, 8 and 9. With this Amendment, claims 2, 3, 7 and 10-19 were cancelled without prejudice to permit the allowed claims to proceed to issuance. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the canceled claims in a continuation application.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests early and favorable notification to that effect.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or to charge any deficiency in connection with this filing to Deposit Account No. 19-3140.

Respectfully submitted,

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